(d) if so, the fees prescribed for different courses, course-wise; and

(e) whether these courses have been accorded official recognition in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) According to a news-item appearing in some sections of the press, the Western International University of USA has recently set up a campus in Delhi.

(b) to (e) Relevant information is being collected.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat

1131. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat due to budgetary constraints.

Illiterates in Backward Districts

1132. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of literates in backward districts of the country;

(b) whether Government have any plans to improve this percentage; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) As per Census 2001 Report, the literacy rate for all persons in India is 65.38%. The percentage of literates in all such districts, where the literacy rate is below the national average, is 54.7%.